



National Science Foundation

Intergovernmental Personnel Act Vacancy

DIRECTORATE FOR GEOSCIENCES
DIVISION OF EARTH SCIENCES
ARLINGTON, VA 22230

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: E20030040-IPAs **OPEN:** 02/24/2003 **CLOSE:** 04/30/2003

THESE POSITIONS WILL BE FILLED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT (IPA)

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is seeking qualified candidates to fill two positions within the Division of Earth Sciences (EAR). EAR supports proposals for research geared toward improving the understanding of the structure, composition, and evolution of the Earth and the processes that govern the formation and behavior of the Earth's materials. The results of this research will create a better understanding of the Earth's changing environments, and the natural distribution of its mineral, water, and energy resources and provide methods for predicting and mitigating the effects of geologic hazards such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, and landslides.

The ***Tectonics Program*** involves studies in structural geology, tectonics, geochronology, petrology, paleomagnetism, and other fields related to understanding the tectonic history of the lithosphere through time. Supported research includes field, laboratory, and theoretical studies of the processes and kinematics accompanying deformation at plate boundaries and in plate interiors.

The ***Hydrologic Sciences Program*** supports activities aimed at a rigorous and quantitative understanding of the Earth's hydrologic cycle and the role of water on and near the continental surfaces of the Earth. This program covers a wide range of areas relating to water in the form of precipitation, lakes, streams, and groundwater, and their interactions with landforms, the atmosphere, the biosphere, and the Earth's crust.

Initial assignments under the IPA mechanism may be made for a period of one to two years, and may be extended for a third year. Individuals eligible for an IPA assignment include employees of State and local government agencies, institutions of higher education, Indian tribal governments, federally funded research and development centers and qualified non-profit organizations involved in public management in instances where such assignments would be of mutual benefit to the organizations involved. The individual remains an employee of the home institution and cost-sharing arrangements are generally negotiated between NSF and the home institution.

STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Program Directors will be responsible for the planning and administration of the program within the framework of the legislation, agency policies, missions, objectives and resources.

- Managing program resources so as to provide optimal appropriate scientific judgment to insure integrity and consistency in the grant/declination process without conflicts-of-interests, and with balance among appropriate sub-fields and institutions, and participation of all qualified applicants. Incorporating cross-directorate responsibilities into program administration.
- Managing an effective, timely merit review process, with attention to increasing the size and quality of the reviewer pools and insuring participation by women, minorities, and disabled scientists. Responsibilities are complex and wide-ranging, due to the multidisciplinary scientific efforts required.

- Representing the programs, Division and Foundation, within the scientific community, with other NSF Divisions, other agencies and organizations, and the public, accurately reflecting NSF policy and positions.
- Pursuing and/or being responsive to assignment on special projects and temporary functional teams from across the Foundation to solve problems, improve staff communication, and effect coordination for special programs.
- Formulating and managing the implementation of special solicitations and other ventures to redirect programs toward emerging frontier topics.
- Preparing and disseminating a variety of informational documents which may include data on progress being made toward NSF's goals, trends and opportunities papers, and budget plans.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in earth sciences plus six or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience.

HOW TO APPLY: Individuals interested in an IPA assignment should submit a curriculum vitae or resume, and a publication list to the National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Attn: E20030040-IPAs. In addition you are asked to complete and submit the attached Applicant Survey form. Submission of this form is voluntary and will not affect your application for employment. The information is used for statistical purposes only. Telephone inquiries may be referred to Maria Sutton at (703) 292-4364. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

The National Science Foundation provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the point of contact listed on this vacancy announcement.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
APPLICANT SURVEY

OMB No. 3145-0096
Expiration: 7/31/2005

Vacancy Ann. #: _____ Position Status (temporary/permanent): _____

Position Title/Series/Grade: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Your completion of this form will be appreciated. Submission of this Information is voluntary and it will have no effect on the processing of your application. The data collected will be used only for statistical purposes to ensure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 3145-0096. NSF estimates that each respondent should take about 3 minutes to complete this survey, including time to read the instructions. You may have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this survey, including suggestions for reducing this burden. If so, please send them to NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Division of Administrative Services, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. 22230.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

GENERAL - This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 31, 1974, for individuals completing Federal records and forms that solicit personal information.

AUTHORITY - Section 7201 of title 5 of the U.S. Code and Section 2000e-16 of title 42 of the U.S. Code.

PURPOSE AND ROUTINE USES

The information is used for research and for a Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) to help insure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Address questions concerning this form and its uses to the Privacy Act Officer, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230.

1. Today's Date: _____ 2. Year of Birth: _____

3. How did you learn about the particular position for which you are applying? (Circle appropriate number.)

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| 01 - Newspaper (specify) _____ | 10 - Federal, State or local job information center |
| 02 - Contact with NSF Personnel Office
(Agency Bulletin Board or other Announcement) | 11 - State vocational rehabilitation agency or
Veterans Administration |
| 03 - NSF-initiated personal contact | 12 - State employment office |
| 04 - Science Magazine, or other professional journal or magazine
(specify) _____ | 13 - School or college counselor or other official |
| 05 - Affirmative Action Register | 14 - Private job Information service |
| 06 - Attendance at conference, meeting or job fair
(specify) _____ | 15 - Private employment service |
| 07 - NSF recruitment at school or college | 16 - Friend or relative working at NSF |
| 08 - Colleague referral | 17 - Friend or relative not working at NSF |
| 09 - NSF Bulletin | 18 - NSF website |
| | 19 - Internet or other website |
| | 20 - Other (specify) _____ |

4. Select the ethnic category with which you most closely identify:

- A. **Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- B. **Not Hispanic or Latino.**

5. Select one or more racial category with which you most closely identify:

- A. **American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- B. **Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- C. **Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- D. **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- E. **White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

6. Sex (Circle the appropriate letter.) F - Female M - Male

7. Please provide Information on your disability status by circling the appropriate category below:

1. I do not have a disability; 2. Hearing impairment; 3. Vision impairment; 4. Missing extremities; 5. Partial paralysis;
6. Complete paralysis; 7. Convulsive disorder; 8. Mental retardation; 9. Mental or emotional illness; 10. Severe distortion of limbs
and/or spine; 11. I have a disability but it is not listed.

FOR AGENCY USE

Agency Code: _____

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